

# LITTLE DOING IN THE WORLD OF REAL ESTATE

## Number of Transfers About Same as Previous Week—Purchase Prices Usually Small.

There was but little doing in the real estate market last week, so far as the amount of money involved in individual transactions is concerned. The number of transfers of real estate was about the same as that of the week previous, but the purchase prices were usually small. In fact, no real estate deal of any magnitude was recorded last week. It is expected that the extension of the lines of the Washington Railway along Columbia Road and old Sixteenth Street to Park Street, to be completed in about two weeks, will give an impetus to dealings in real property in that neighborhood.

### Held an Experiment.

When the work of laying the tracks of the Metropolitan line was begun about five years ago it was held by many an experiment. It was also considered in the light of the laying of a line for traffic in advance of the growth of the population of the territory through which it extended.

The Park Street line is necessary to provide facilities of transportation for the residents of that section. The opinion of those who have watched the development of the city is that the growth is more marked in the northern part toward Rock Creek and to the east along the Eastern Branch than in other directions.

While building operations are never extensively carried on in the winter, it is said that it is as active now as in past years. Some are of the opinion that the increased cost of labor and material has to some extent lessened the building operations.

There are others in the business who, however, take an entirely different view of the matter. One builder says that while it is true that material and labor are higher now than several years ago, he can complete a building as cheaply as before. He explains this apparently contradictory statement with the assertion that the workmen and mechanics of today are more skillful than they

# CHILL WEATHER CAUSES GREAT DEMAND FOR COAL

## Public Buildings Almost Forced to Close Their Doors—Along the River Front.

The increased consumption of coal in this city caused by the cold weather of the past few days nearly resulted in the closing of several prominent buildings yesterday.

At the National Museum the last scrapings of the coal bin were shoveled into the furnace at 2 o'clock, and it was nearly an hour later when a wagon arrived with two tons to relieve the situation. Several other loads shortly followed. Other of the Government buildings and a number of large apartment houses were in an equally precarious condition.

The shortage of coal along the river front resulted in the suspension of the trips of the steamer Charles Macleaner to Mount Vernon. The coal in her bunkers was exhausted, and the dealer who holds the contract for furnishing coal failed to replenish the supply. Other river boats are likely to suspend their trips at almost any time.

Along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad yesterday afternoon coal was more plentiful than on any day for the past week. When the morning train of thirty cars arrived there were still forty loaded with coal on the tracks. In the afternoon two other trains came in, bringing thirty-eight cars more of coal. Besides this the day's receipts of soft coal was over thirty-five cars.

At all the yards in the vicinity of Hancock Street northeast there were continuous lines of carts and wagons waiting to be weighed. The only limit to the amount sent from each yard at this place was the ability of the scales to weigh coal. At one place there were sixty-four

# POLITICAL CHANGES RIFE IN OLD MEXICO

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of Senator Limantour as President with General Reyes as his logical successor. There is still another phase to the situation. The unexpired term of President Diaz runs for two years from December 1. It is considered not unlikely that the events which have led to the acceptance of General Reyes' resignation will result in the continuation in office of President Diaz, who, should he so desire, will have the support of the entire nation.

### Causes for Resignation.

Several reasons are assigned for the resignation of General Reyes, but the one which is believed to have been the most influential is the press attacks upon Senator Limantour, which it is said were inspired by the Reyes family. The development of friction between Reyes and Limantour was a surprise to the public, although it had been suspected for some time past in certain official circles. There has been but little discussion in the Mexican press upon the political situation, the papers generally contenting themselves with merely announcing the retirement of General Reyes, and with the publication of the official correspondence which passed between General Reyes and Senator Limantour, containing the resignation and acceptance.

There is little likelihood of other changes in the cabinet except those consequent upon the transfer of General

# ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 27.—The "week of prayer" will commence in this city Monday, January 5. The program outlined by the pastors for the week is as follows:

Monday—Services at the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. George L. Hunt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and his subject will be "For a Nobler Manifestation of the Church's Unity."

Tuesday—In the Methodist Protestant Church. The Rev. Frank J. Brooke, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon, entitled "For a Deepening of the Missionary Spirit, and a Blessing Upon Mission Work—Home and Foreign."

Wednesday—Services in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. Sermon by the Rev. J. H. S. Ewell, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, entitled "For the Conversion of the Youth, and for a Special Blessing Upon the Family and School."

Thursday—Services in the First Baptist Church. Sermon by the Rev. J. A. Jeffers, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, entitled "For the Edification of the Spirit on all the Ministry, for a Consecration of Christians, and the Awakening of all who are indifferent."

Friday—Services in the Second Presbyterian Church. Sermon by the Rev. J. P. Stump, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, entitled "For the Desired Result of the Week of Prayer."

J. Stanley Neale left Alexandria today for King William county, Va., where he will spend the remainder of the holidays.

About 2 o'clock this morning thieves entered the store of Martin Lawler, southwest corner of Gibson and Pitt Streets, and secured about \$25 in money and a quantity of cigars. The police are investigating. An entrance was effected by boring holes in the cellar door on the Pitt Street side of the house. They

## SPECIAL LECTURE ON CONSUMPTION'S SPREAD

Charles F. Weller to Give Illustrated Address Next Tuesday Evening.

The first of a series of popular lectures on the prevention of consumption will be given Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. at Zion Baptist Church, F Street between Third and Fourth and a-half Streets southwest. Dr. William C. Woodward, Health Officer of the District, will speak.

Charles F. Weller, general secretary of the Associated Charities, under the auspices of which the series will be conducted, will give a special lecture illustrated with stereopticon views showing the means by which a spread of consumption may be prevented, and also the extent of the crusade that is being made against the disease. In the announcement of the meeting Secretary Weller says: "As one in every seven deaths is due to consumption and as the disease is one of the causes of dependence, it is important to have the public understand by what simple means consumption may be blotted out of existence."

The committee in charge of the lectures is composed of the Rev. J. E. Wiseman, of the Church of Our Redeemer; W. H. Hunter, of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, and W. S. Duffield, of Lincoln Temple.

## NAPOLÉON LAJOIE STRICKEN WITH PLEURISY

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Napoleon Lajoie was taken to the Huron Street Hospital today suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy. Dr. N. J. Herke discovered that Lajoie was a very sick man, and stated that had the disease been allowed to continue unchecked the patient's case would have been beyond help.

Lajoie's temperature was 104 tonight. It was said that unless the case takes an unexpected turn his ultimate recovery is assured.

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The Bradbury New York Factory have notified their Washington Warehouses, at 1225 Pennsylvania Avenue, that the new 1903 models in Bradbury and Webster Upright Pianos will be ready for shipment early in January, and have ordered the local warehouses to close out all of their present stock of pianos at 33 1-3 to 50 per cent below the regular retail prices—this means a chance for the people of Washington to buy the finest instruments way below wholesale factory cost.

The Bradbury Company is accustomed to take an inventory of stock January 1—and in order to comply with the order from the factory—as much of the stock is to be closed out as possible before the beginning of the New Year—and if cut prices and practically your own terms are any inducement there shouldn't be a piano left by January 1.

The Christmas trade of the Bradbury was unprecedented—and the stock is very much broken—only one or two pianos of a kind are left. These are to go at less than prices paid by dealers at wholesale.

Among the lines to be closed out are four or five of the famous Bradbury Upright Pianos that range in prices from \$500 upward—these are marked \$265, \$275, \$285, \$325, and \$335 to close—and the best will "go" in this sale at \$235, \$245, and \$255.

Three Webster Pianos go in this sale at \$235, \$245, and \$255. One Webster Upright Piano at \$195—and one nearly new Upright at \$190. In addition to these there are a number of square Pianos of prominent makes—Steinways—Chickering—Knabes—Voices—Dunhams, etc., at \$20, \$25, \$35, \$50, and \$75, on \$1 weekly payments. Also a few good organs taken in exchange for pianos—including Estey, Mason & Hammons, Weavers, Ithaca, and other well-known makers—at \$15, \$25, \$35, \$50, and \$75 weekly payments.

No sale ever held in Washington offers such genuine bargain opportunities to the piano purchaser as this annual stock-taking sale of the Bradbury Company. Don't fail to visit their warehouses, 1225 Pennsylvania Avenue, on Monday and look over the line of pianos that is reduced to the bare cost of manufacture.

## FOR SALE—HOUSES.

FOR SALE—THE YEAR OF 1903 IS APPROACHING a close. Good resolutions are now in order. Resolutions alone will not secure you a home or give you house rent free. You must obligate yourself to pay your way out, as others have done. How much have you saved from your income in the year of 1902? Is it satisfactory? You need not look for progress in this line unless you obligate yourself to pay a certain sum monthly from your salary. In other words, you must "get rich" not for luxuries, however, but for something substantial. Buy real estate that is growing in value, and this will make a double saving, as you are thereby compelled to save a certain amount monthly in addition to the continual increase in value to your investment. We are offering a safe and profitable investment in the line of 18th and 14th Streets extended at North Columbia Heights. (Ask the Washington public for a safe and profitable investment.) Lots 25 to 100 feet front. Prices, 30c to 25c a sq. ft. Terms, \$50 to \$100 cash, balance \$15 to \$30 monthly, or one-third cash, 1, 2, and 3 years. Money loaned to build. For further particulars drop postal for new 16-page illustrated "booklet," plat, etc.

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